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CHEROKEE - FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THURSDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. MIDEAST ARMS SALES. ON CAPITOL HILL TODAY, I HAD A GOOD TALK WITH TED KENNEDY WHO HAS AN OPEN MIND ON OUR PROPOSALS, SEEMS TO ACCEPT FULLY THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAUDI AND EGYPTIAN SALES, AND WILL BE PLACING MUCH RELIANCE ON ABE RIBICOFF'S ULTIMATE JUDGMENT IN THIS MATTER. WHEN I MET WITH RIBICOFF, HE MAINTAINED HIS CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE AND SUGGESTED ANOTHER BREAKFAST MEETING BE ARRANGED WITH BYRD, BAKER, JAVITS, CHURCH, CASE AND HIMSELF IN ATTENDANCE. WE ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO HAVE CY INVITE THEM FOR NEXT TUESDAY. RIBICOFF HAS BEEN IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH HOWARD BAKER WHO CONTINUES, AS HE TOLD YOU, TO WANT TO WORK OUT A
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SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

ON THE HOUSE SIDE I TALKED SEPARATELY WITH BROOMFIELD, HAMILTON, AND ZABLOCKI. EACH FEELS WE CAN FIND A WAY TO GET A MAJORITY ON OUR SIDE IN THE HIRC, BUT THAT SOME CAREFUL PROBING WILL CONTINUE TO BE NECESSARY. ANOTHER MEETING OF THE GROUP INFORMALLY CHAIRED BY DANTE FASCELL

IS SET FOR NEXT MONDAY AT 4:30 P.M.

2. SOUTH AFRICA. WE LEARNED THIS AFTERNOON THAT SOUTH AFRICAN PARATROOPS HAVE MADE A RAID ON SWAPO POSITIONS 155 MILES INSIDE ANGOLA. THE INITIAL COMMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICANS WAS THAT IT WAS A LIMITED ACTION TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO BORDER VIOLATIONS AND THE MURDER OF POLITICAL LEADERS IN THE BORDER AREA. WE ARE EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR TONIGHT AND ASKING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. THIS ACTION OBVIOUSLY COMES AT A VERY UNFORTUNATE TIME FOR OUR EFFORTS TO GET FINAL AGREEMENT TO THE CONTACT GROUP PLAN FOR NAMIBIA.

3. AFGHANISTAN. THE IRANIANS TOLD US TODAY THAT THEY PLAN TO DELIVER THEIR RECOGNITION NOTE TO THE NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT ON SATURDAY, ALONG WITH OUR GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS. WE HAVE WORD THAT THE PAKISTANIS WILL DO THE SAME. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED LEONARD WOODCOCK TO INFORM THE CHINESE OF OUR PLANNED ACTION.

4. CIVIL AVIATION DISPUTE WITH FRANCE. YESTERDAY THE FRENCH PREVENTED PAN AM FROM DISCHARGING PASSENGERS IN PARIS ON A FLIGHT FROM SAN FRANCISCO VIA LONDON. THE REASON FOR THE FRENCH ACTION, WHICH
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WAS TAKEN AFTER CONSULTING WITH PRIME MINISTER BARRE, IS THEIR CONTENTION THAT PAN AM'S CHANGE FROM A 747 TO 727 AIRCRAFT IS NOT PERMITTED BY OUR BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. WE STRONGLY DISAGREE, AND HAVE THREATENED COUNTERMEASURES IF A SOLUTION CANNOT BE FOUND IN A FEW DAYS. THE SOLUTION WE PROPOSED TODAY IS TO SUBMIT THE LEGAL ISSUE TO EXPEDITED ARBITRATION IF THE FRENCH WILL ALLOW PAN AM TO OPERATE PENDING A BINDING ARBITRAL AWARD.

5. RHODESIA. DAVID OWEN ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT BRITISH UNDER SECRETARY JOHNNY GRAHAM AND OUR AMBASSADOR TO LUSAKA, STEVE LOW, WILL SHORTLY CONSULT WITH ALL THE RHODESIAN PARTIES TO SEEK AGREEMENT TO AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING. THEIR MISSION WILL COMMENCE SHORTLY AFTER PRESIDENT KAUNDA COMPLETES HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON LATER THIS MONTH. THEY WILL CONCENTRATE ON CONVINCING MUZOREWA TO ATTEND SUCH A CONFERENCE.

6. EXPORT-IMPORT LEGISLATION. YESTERDAY THE SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE ADOPTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE EX-IM

AUTHORIZATION BILL, OFFERED BY SENATOR STEVENSON, WHICH
REQUIRES THE PRESIDENT TO SUBMIT FOR CONGRESSIONAL
APPROVAL A LIST OF ALL COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ELIGIBLE

FOR EX-IM FINANCING. IN DETERMINING WHETHER A COUNTRY
IS ELIGIBLE, YOU WOULD BE REQUIRED TO CONSIDER ITS
RECORD ON A WIDE RANGE OF CRITERIA SUCH AS HUMAN
RIGHTS, POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND OTHER
COUNTRIES, CREDITWORTHINESS, EMIGRATION POLICY, NUCLEAR
PROLIFERATION, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THE AMENDMENT
WOULD SUPERCEDE THE JACKSON-VANIK RESTRICTIONS ON
EXTENDING EX-IM FINANCING TO NON-MARKET COUNTRIES
EXCEPT FOR THE RESTRICTIONS WHICH APPLY TO THE USSR.

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CY WROTE TO PROXMIRE OPPOSING THE AMENDMENT ON THE
GROUNDS THAT IT COULD CREATE SEVERE FOREIGN POLICY
PROBLEMS AND SERIOUSLY DIMINISH EX-IM'S EFFECTIVENESS
IN PROMOTING EXPORTS. YESTERDAY I DISCUSSED THE
AMENDMENT BRIEFLY WITH JOHN MOORE, WHO ALSO IS
STRONGLY OPPOSED. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH EX-IM TO
PREVENT ULTIMATE PASSAGE. CHRISTOPHER

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